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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

ROB'T M HUTCHINS, Chancellor of Univ of Chicago: "The film has the power that no other medium can command . . . and can do more than any other single thing to unite the world." 1-Q

Dr J C WAND, bishop of London, after Church of England Assembly voted to hire a press agent: "You cannot fight modern wars with bows and arrows." 2-Q

FRANK WILSON, analyst, Census bureau: "If every man of us had his right woman there would be only 1/30th of a woman left over for a stock dividend." 3-Q

Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, retiring Army chief of staff: "Until her differential of strength becomes such as to lead her to think she might win quickly, Russia won't start any war deliberately. But little sparks are dangerous." 4-Q

JAS FORRESTAL, Sec'y of Defense: "The word security in essence has no place in any language, since man's life is never wholly secure, economically, physically or spiritually." 5-Q

Sen CARL HATCH, of North Dakota: "I am sick and tired of politics taking precedence over the country's welfare." 6-Q

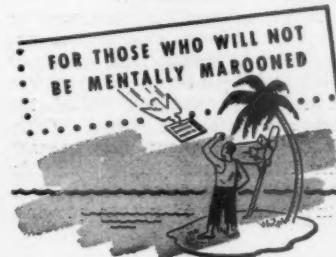
WM C BULLITT, former Ambassador to Russia: "Our choice is to live high for a few yrs while letting Russia seize the world and use it against us, or to live hard and be subject to no master but God." 7-Q

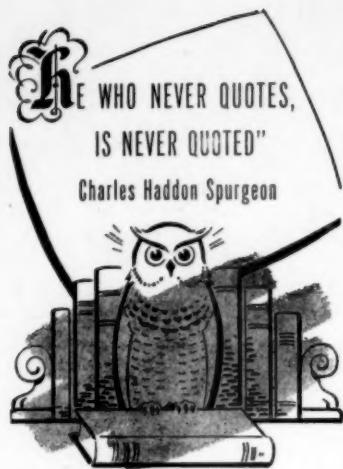
Rep JOS W MARTIN, Jr, of Mass: "The bureaucrats have a long-established policy. It may be expressed in 2 lines: 'You make it; we take it. You lend it; we spend it.'" 8-Q

Rep E M DIRKSEN, of Illinois: "Food, fuel and credit are weapons in a cold war that can be transformed quickly into a hot war. Let us use them as weapons and quit pretending." 9-Q

Gen'l DOUGLAS MACARTHUR: "The design of a remodeled, reconstructed Japan is nearly completed. The pattern has been etched, the path has been laid. The development now lies largely in the hands of the people." 10-Q

GEO BERNARD SHAW, British playwright: "Where there is law there is no freedom. Leisure alone can make use free; and only in Russia is there any legal right to leisure. All the current twaddle about freedom is poppycock. The length of the working day and the number of such days in the wk is the only true measure of possible freedom." 11-Q





**HE WHO NEVER QUOTES,
IS NEVER QUOTED"**

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

ACHIEVEMENT—1

Not failure but low aim is crime.
—JAS RUSSELL LOWELL, *For an Autograph*.

BEHAVIOR—2

When the editor of a Nevada newspaper was hard up one wk for matter with which to fill his col's, he had his compositor set up the Ten Commandments, and ran them without editorial comment. After the paper was published he rec'd a letter: "Cancel my subscription. You're getting too personal!" — *Christian Friends Bulletin*.

BROTHERHOOD—3

The unity we had in the war yrs, when we saw the losses and sorrows of war being borne by Americans without distinction as to race or religion, when it was plain to all of us that our spiritual aims and purposes were far more powerful than our differences, is still available as the vital force for peace. The understanding and good will found in the bond of brotherhood will bring us to realize that unity. I know of nothing else that can. — ROS'R P PATERSON, Gen'l Chairman of Brotherhood Wk.

CHANGE—Resistance—4

Two chaps had been classmates at an A & M college. After graduation, one ret'd to farming and the other went into business in the city. Yrs later the businessman visited his old classmate. He asked, "Why don't you clean out your barns?" His friend repl'd, "Pappy didn't do it, grandpappy didn't do it, so I ain't going to do it." At plowing,

the businessman inq'd, "Why don't you bust the ground wide open, like they taught us at A & M?" "Nope," said the friend, "Pappy didn't do it, grandpappy didn't do it, so I ain't going to do it." When the two sat down alone for supper, the visitor asked, "How come you never married, Jim?" "Pappy didn't do it, grandpappy didn't do it, so I ain't going to do it!" — *Speakers Magazine*.

COMMUNISM—5

The negative power of communism to wreck all constructive measures is enormous, even when they are small minorities—as one self-willed, obstreperous child can upset a classroom. — DOROTHY THOMPSON, syndicated col.

CYNICISM—6

A bit of cynicism does to conversation what garlic does to a salad. — *Enos Magazine*, hm, Enos Coal Mining Co.

DEFENSE—Nat'l—7

No matter of conjecture, if the US were thrust into war the production of aircraft would have to expand 1000% literally over night.— *Planes*, Aircraft Industries Ass'n of America.

DISCRIMINATION—8

Voters in Johnson County, Ga, before casting their ballots in the primaries, must swear that they will support racial segregation and the county-unit system, and they must swear that they will oppose Communism, subversive organizations, and the Fair Employment Practices Commission. Maybe "voters" is too strong a word for these people. Maybe we should just say disciples.—*New Yorker*.

EFFICIENCY—9

A centipede had spent a happy lifetime pursuing the various activities of centipedehood, scurrying about proficiently on its 100 legs. One day it was halted by a questioner who said: "Centipede, how do you walk around so proficiently while maneuvering no less than 50 pairs of legs? When you start to walk, which leg do you move 1st?"

Never had this question occurred to the centipede. Which leg—come to think of it—did move 1st? Leg number 8? Leg number 14? The centipede worked itself into an agony of analysis and indecision. And it was never able to walk another step. Completely paralyzed by

its insoluble intellectual problem, it remained immobile and slowly starved to death. — ALAN DEVOE, "Animal Faith," *American Mercury*, 2-48.

ENVY—10

Envy supplies most of the venom of gossip.—*Alexander Animator*.

FAMILY—Guidance—11

Some families make swimming, tennis, music, literature, yes, even the Church, a part of the family life. They all go into it together. Other "fathers and mothers go to the edge of the pool, sit in chairs, and say, "Go on." Is it any wonder that so many children fail to realize the wonder and beauty of great music and great literature and great faith? Too many of us are sitting at the edge of the pool, saying, "Go on." Too few of us are in the pool saying, "Come On." — DR PAUL AUSTIN WOLFE, "The Choice of Ruth," *Think*, 1-48.

FEAR—12

Few persons, casually met, on the ordinary daily round, want either to murder you, or pick your pocket, borrow money, pick you up, or come and live with you forever. These, investigation reveals, are what people most fear from strangers. You would find nothing in the heart of other people that is not in your own.—DOROTHY BLACK, *English Digest*. (London)

GERMANY—Postwar—13

A German entered a police station in the American occupation zone the other day. He announced he had come to register his political allegiance under occupation regulations.

After the word "party," on the form he was given to fill out, he wrote, "Nazi."

"You should have done this in 1945," the police officer chided.

"But," said the German, "I wasn't a Nazi in 1945." — PAUL GHALI, *Minneapolis Tribune*.

GOD—and Man—14

As one can ascend to the top of a house by means of a ladder or a bamboo or a staircase or a rope, so diverse are the ways and means to approach God, and every religion in the world shows one of these ways.—*Miami Herald*.

HISTORY—15

A nation's attitude toward its own history is like a window into

its own soul and the men and women of such a nation cannot be expected to meet the great obligations of the present if they refuse to exhibit honesty, charity, open mindedness and a free and growing intelligence toward the past that has made them what they are.—CHAS MCLEAN ANDREWS, *The Colonial Background of the American Revolution*. (Yale Univ Press)

INFLATION—16

Inflation, once started, is like going over a waterfall; the only stopping place is on the rocks at the bottom.—Lord RIVERDALE, quoted in *Construction Digest*.

Washington On Nat'l Unity

The name American, which belongs to you, in your nat'l capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism more than any appellation derived from local discrimination. You have in common cause fought and triumphed together; the independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint counsels and joint efforts, of common dangers, sufferings, and successes. — GEO WASHINGTON, *Farewell Address*. 17

INGENUITY—18

Niels Bohr, the Danish scientist who played a major part in the development of the atomic bomb, outsmarted the Germans. The Nazis searched his apt, but never thought to inspect a long beer bottle in which was immured his newly discovered heavy water. When he fled Denmark, his discovery went with him.—AGNES REHDER, *Link*.

INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—19

The deal small nations get from the big powers is from the bottom of the pact.—*Partners*, hm, Nat'l Labor-Mgt Foundations.

JEALOUSY—20

Oscar Wilde related the following story:

The devil was once crossing the Libyan Desert when he met a number of people tormenting a holy hermit. The sainted man easily shook off their suggestions. Finally, after watching their failure, the devil said, "What you do is too crude. Permit me one moment." He whispered to the holy man, "Your brother has just been made Bishop of Alexandria."

A scowl of malignant jealousy at

once clouded the serene face of the hermit.

"That," said the devil to his imps, "is the sort of thing which I should recommend."—*Pastor's Wife*.

JUSTICE—21

Justice is not a shout, a command or a law. Nor is it something to be bought. It is a set of scales.—*Bluebird Briefs*, hm, Bluebird Bakeries.

KINDNESS—22

A bus driver had to put on the brakes to keep from running over a tiny pup. A policeman aboard got off and placed the animal tenderly on the curb. But as he got back on, the pup followed him, wagging its tail.

Finally, after several attempts to leave the pup, the policeman carried it into the bus and told the driver to go on.

Turning to the passengers, the policeman asked, "Anybody want a pup?" Then, without waiting for an answer, he smiled and said, "Well, I guess the kids can take care of one more dog." — *St Louis Globe-Democrat*.

LIBERTY—23

H Watterson, one of journalism's greats, was visited by an irate subscriber, who charged into his office and denounced an editorial.

Watterson interrupted the tirade with this snapper: "What I like about liberty is that I can write and you don't have to read, and you can speak and I don't have to listen—g'bye." — WALTER WINCHELL, syndicated col.

MODESTY—24

When Geo Washington entered the House of Burgesses at the close of the French War, a vote of thanks was passed for his valuable services in the field. The young soldier hesitated in making a reply, when Speaker Robinson came to his aid by saying, "Sit down, sir; your modesty is equal to your valor, and that surpasses the power of any language I possess." — *Toastmaster*.

ORIGIN—"With Bells On"—25

It is claimed that the origin of the expression "with bells on" goes back to the days of the Conestoga wagon and its drivers. The deep sag of the wagon was designed to throw the weight of a load toward the center on rough roads, but it did not always work. The unfortunate teamster who became mired was expected

to pay his rescuer with a set of brass bells which hung in an arch over the hames of each of the 6 horses.

A teamster was deemed superior when he arrived at his destination "with bells on." Losing the bells was something to avoid because records show that, in 1761, 30 bells cost more than 4 lbs.—*Nation's Business*.

PERSPECTIVE—26

Many of us resemble the Maine farmer laboriously driving his horses on a dusty road. "How much longer does this hill last?" he asked a man by the roadside. "Hill!" was the answer. "Hill, nothing! Your hind wheels are off!"—HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, *On Being a Real Person*.

PROGRESS—27

You can't leave footprints on the sands of time by sitting down.—Dr KARL BURNS, Ass't Sec'y, NEA.

RACE—Hatred—28

Garth Cate, famous travel expert of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, sent this from the writings of the great Irish poet "AE"—Geo W Russell: "Race hatred is the cheapest and basest of all nat'l passions, and it is the nature of hatred, as it is the nature of love, to change us into the likeness of that which we contemplate. We grow nobly like what we adore, and ignobly like what we hate."—*Nashua Cavalier*, hm, Nashua Gummed & Coated Paper Co.



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ADVERTISING: New advertising device called Tel-a-Tale operates in taxicab directly over back of driver's seat. It carries a running message of about 60 letters moving across a lighted panel. Now being tested in the East. (EDITH GWYNN, syndicated col)

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HIGHWAY SIGNS: Alabama is using a new type of reflectorized highway safety signs, sometimes called "minute maps." They show motorists where they are on the highway, the distance to the next town and how long it will take to get there at safe speeds. (Kiplinger Magazine)

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MEDICINE: New type medical thermometer takes patient's temperature instantaneously. (U P)

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OFFICE APPLIANCES: New device counts words on typewriter as they are being typed. Counter registers each time 1st letter of word is struck then waits until space bar indicates end of word. (Everybody's Wkly)

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Alarm gadget for typewriters rings bell before the bottom of sheet of paper has been reached. (Labor Union)

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PHOTOGRAPHY: Photographic transfer device processes doll's face from child's picture so that finished product comes out a remarkable miniature of child. (Tide)

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TELEVISION: Special lens, fitted with brackets to slide over the home television receiver, will magnify the picture of the television screen about 3 times without decreasing its brightness, according to claims. The lens may be adjusted vertically and horizontally to produce the desired picture size. (Science News Letter)

REWARD—29

A certain man had been a faithful builder for an employer for many yrs. His employer decided to make a world cruise. Before leaving he left with his builder plans for an ideal house.

"Build it according to specifications, spare no necessary expense. I want this house to be a good house for a special reason." But the builder thought of the many yrs he had worked for small wages and decided to make a profit for himself, so he substituted cheap mat'l wherever it would not show.

On his ret'n his employer observed the house with satisfaction, and said. "You have served me well these many yrs. In reward I have planned this house for you. It is yours, to own and to live in." — WALTER COWEN, *Lutheran*.

SELF-IMPORTANCE—30

How do you salvage a good man who gets the big head? The owner of a big gravel outfit had such a man. He called him in one day.

"Bill," he said, "you're the best sup't we've had and I'm giving you a vacation on full pay."

Bill beamed, "How long?"

"There's no time limit. Stay away—well, till you're sure the business can get along as well without you as with you."

Bill grinned some more. Days and wks passed. A mo. No S O S from the office. Bill got the idea all right, and one day showed up—considerably humbled.—JOHN B REILLY, *Rotarian*.

SENSES—31

The humanist lives by his 5 senses. One of those fellows told a preacher that he couldn't accept his God. He said, "I can't see him, I can't feel him, I can't taste him, I can't hear him and I can't smell him. Therefore he doesn't exist." To which the preacher repl'd, "Do you have a brain? I can't see it, feel it, taste it, hear it, smell it."—Christian Observer.

SPEECH—Speaking—32

I have heard speakers ramble on for 10 min's overtime because they did not know how to quit. Prof C Alphonso Smith, former head of the English dep't at Annapolis, told the following story:

"Have you ever seen an otter go fishing in the winter-time? In order to search for fish, this seal-like animal has to dive thru a hole in the

ice. He swims around under the ice and comes out thru another hole in the ice a hundred yds away. When I make a speech I am like that otter. I know by heart the opening paragraph of my speech. That's the 1st hole in the ice. And, like the otter, I know the gen'l direction in which I'm going to travel. And I know by heart the closing paragraph of my speech. That is the 2nd hole in the ice." — JOHN CAPLES, "Turning a Copy Writer Into a Public Speaker," *Adv & Selling*, 1-'48.

STRATEGY—33

To prove their need for a new bridge over the Clearwater River, residents of Lewiston, Ida, are making a recording of the rattles and crashes produced by traffic on the old span. The transcription will be sent to the highway engineers of the Idaho Highway Dep't. — JACK GOODMAN, *N Y Times*.

Hollywood Fable

A writer, a director and a producer, lost in the desert, wandered about in search of food. The writer saw a rock and had an inspiration to move it. It took all his strength, but he moved it and underneath he found a large can of tomato juice. The director realized its possibilities, drew a knife, and opened the can. Just as he was about to drink, the producer said: "Wait! This will make it better," and poured some desert sand and refuse into it. — HUME CRONYN, quoted by LEONARD LYONS, syndicated col.

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TIME—Use of—35

We can avoid making time the scapegoat of our shortcomings. Real prestige and satisfaction of an individual or a profession do not come from being harassed, overworked, or "put upon." It's smart to have time to do what we think is important to us.—WINIFRED E BAIN, Pres of Assoc for Childhood Education, *Childhood Education*.

TROUBLE—36

I believe in getting in hot water. It keeps one clean.—GILBERT CHESERTON, quoted in *Advertiser's Digest*.

YOUTH—Achievement—37

Out of every 10 modern time-saving inventions, one was perfected by a person under 21 years of age.—*Southwestern Advocate*.

The World Should Not Separate Victory and Defeat



Book briefs
HANS HABE, a native of Budapest, became a citizen and enlisted in the U S Army in 1943. He was overseas for 3 yrs and for 8 mo's was in charge of combat propaganda in Europe. Later he was chief of all American publications in the German language in Germany. In his latest novel, *Aftermath* (Viking, \$3), he has delved deep into the hearts of two men and the women they loved. Major John Stroud, American from Spokane, Washington, who after V-E Day was put in charge of an experimental prison for Nazi War Criminals, and Capt Peter Olden, German born, American OSS officer, are the two central characters. The past of these two had a tenacious hold, but Stroud found in the young Polish girl, Wanda, a generous and responsive love he had never before known. Peter Olden found that his ties lay not in America but in his native Germany and felt that his work was in bringing Germany thru its time of confusion — this Germany of his which would accept neither peace nor defeat. When Wanda's baby is born, Peter Olden writes his friend Major Stroud, who has returned to Spokane:

My Dear John,

The child was born this evening. It is a big, strapping boy. More than 6 lbs. Wanda is doing well. She says the child is beautiful. I don't know. I was only allowed a fleeting glimpse. To me he looks like all newborn babies . . .

Dr Markstein brought the baby to Wanda. As long as I live I will never forget her gesture as she took the baby in her arms. It was as if she had had 10 children . . . All afternoon and evening, while Wanda was upstairs in the delivery room and we were waiting in her room, I felt over and over again that I was taking from you something that no man has a right to take from another. I worried over Wanda and trembled over the child. I folded my hands and prayed. I'm not sure that I have prayed since childhood, but all at once I knew all the prayers of my youth by heart again. At the same time I had the feeling that I was robbing you — robbing you of the worry and the impatient hrs, and the prayers. I could not suppress the feeling that your son belongs a little to me, too. And this is, after all, the most important thing that I want to say.

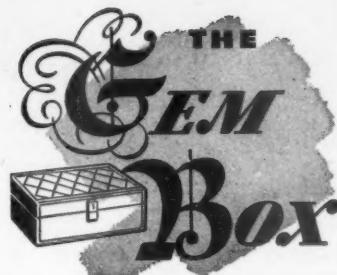
Whatever you are feeling now is your own personal affair. But there are two things you must not do: Regret that you went home, and be sorry for the child. You had to go home, John, just as I had to come back here. How often I have said that I was ungrateful to America because I could not stay there. And I know that many times you have said to yourself that you should never have left Wanda and the child alone. But the one is as false as the other.

In this struggling, gestating, self-

doubting age of ours the important thing is for a man to do all he can — where he can do it best. We must try, each of us, to realize our highest abilities, not out of pride but because our best is just barely good enough for the world in which we live. Liberals often believe that we are at home everywhere. But we are not; it is precisely our best faculties that wither 1st in foreign soil. Human beings, John, are not for export . . .

The essential thing is not to make foreign people over in our own image but to understand them. You and I have learned this in the past few yrs . . . I know what you want to ask now. The child. Where will he belong? Will he be European or American? A Pole, an American, or even a German? That is just what I wanted to say: Do not feel sorry for the child, but envy him . . .

Do you know what the little man possesses who was born today and whose resemblance to an old man is not, I insist, accidental? He is richer than you or I. In him is America and Europe, the old and the new, freedom and oppression, hunger and surfeit, safety and searching. In him is the sorrow of the mother who knew bondage, and in him is you, who were privileged to be a liberator. In him is East and West, village and metropolis, farm and factory, the earth of two continents, and the heaven that arches over all continents. In him, John, is the world toward which you and I strive. He is the child of 2 victors. But at his cradle stands Maria. (The defeated) And, believe me, that too is good. For the world should not separate victory and defeat either.



What Is Brotherhood?

The wk of Feb 22-29 has been designated as Nat'l Brotherhood Wk. The following excerpt by I E METCALF, Director of the Iowa-Tri-Cities Area of the Nat'l Conf of Christians and Jews, is from World Call.

Brotherhood is common sense saying: "Get rid of your prejudices in order to live peacefully with yourself and your neighbors."

Brotherhood is good sportsmanship saying: "Do not make another person or another group the scapegoat for your own shortcomings and frustrations."

President HARRY S TRUMAN, Honorary Chairman of Brotherhood Wk: "As never before the world needs brotherhood. The family of nations must practice brotherhood now if it is to have peace in the future. Pacts and treaties must be firmly grounded in the willingness of nations to grant to other nations every right and dignity they claim for themselves—which is the essence of brotherhood. The attainment of peace is thus an achievement of the human spirit."

Brotherhood is education saying: "Beyond the development of skills and the acquiring of knowledge, we must learn how to live together."

Brotherhood is science saying: "Humanity is one; there is no such thing as a superior or an inferior race."

Brotherhood is American democracy saying: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with certain inalienable rights."

Brotherhood is religion saying: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." . . . "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do you also unto them."

Quote

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

I remember once asking a 4th grade boy how many good actions he would perform if he saved his spending money in Lent and gave it all to the missions. He said two. I objected that giving money to the missions was only 1 good deed, but he retorted with the wisdom of age in grace: "If I give my spending money to the missions in Lent, I won't have any money for candy and ice cream, and ain't that fastin'?"—Jos P DONOVAN, *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*. a

Two small boys at the Salvation Army dinner put their grimy little hands side by side on the white table cloth.

"Mine's dirtier than your'n!" exclaimed one, triumphantly.

"Huh!" snorted the other disdainfully, "you're 2 yrs older'n me."—*Jnl of Education*. b

Fannie Hurst, author of *Humoresque*, *Back Street*, etc, never uses her married name of Mrs Jacques Danielson except where it is legally required. Once at a White House function, she was introduced to another guest as Mrs Danielson. Miss Hurst graciously, tho absentmindedly acknowledged the introduction, saying: "I'm so glad to know you, Mrs Danielson."—*Counterpoints*. c

Airline hostesses' stories are legion, but the earliest and funniest is the one about the dowager who refused to chew gum on her 1st ride since it was undignified. Aloft the pressure on her eardrums became painful. Beckoning the stewardess over, she asked for a piece of gum, chewed it vigorously for a moment or two, then stuffed it into her ears.—RONALD SCHILLER, *Elks*. d

A discussion of Pres Truman's back porch reminds one of "the old Cape Codder and his regular summer boarder. The Cape Codder, after long cogitation, allowed that the boarder could install and pay for a bathroom on condition that he take the contraption away when he left."—*Nation*. e

In the block where I live is a friendly negro cook named Mary.

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

Dr FRANK H SPARKS, *President Wabash College*

My memory for names is notably bad, and at public gatherings I always lean heavily on Mrs Sparks for aid in this important respect. But on a recent occasion we became separated. I beheld a matron bearing down upon me whom I felt that I should recognize. I was greeting her with a warm handclasp when a man I knew rather well came along. Still clasping the lady's hand, I waved my other hand in greeting.

"Hello, Fred," I called. "How is your lovely wife these days?"

"You ought to know," repl'd Fred. "You're holding hands with her!"

Very often, when she thinks I am ill, she brings me little tidbits. One day she brought me a plate of hash. It was delicious and I asked her, the next time she dropped by, to tell me how she made such wonderful hash. "How do you do it?" I asked. "I have never tasted hash like yours anywhere else."

Mary's face glowed with pleasure at the compliment. "Beef is nothin'; peppah's nothin', onions is nothin'; but when I frowes myself into de hash—dat's what makes it what it is."—JULIA W WOLFE. f

The genial, witty Sen Alexander Wiley, of Wis, has written a most entertaining book titled *Laughing with Congress*. Apropos of Presidential hats now being thrown into the ring, it contains this story:

Sen Pepper recalled one day "Speaker Reed's dream":

Reed said he dreamed that Congress had amended the Constitution and provided a new method of electing a Pres. The new method was that the Pres should be elected by a secret ballot of Senators. The momentous day arrived when the

proposal was to be tried out. The galleries were naturally filled. The representatives of the press stood by intently to see what would be the result of the 1st trial of this method of electing a Pres. Finally the golden urns were passed up to the Presiding Officer. While everyone listened intently, the result was announced: it was discovered that every Senator had rec'd 1 vote!—*Forbes*. g

At a recent meeting of the Commission on World Order of Disciples of Christ, the chairman, Dr Roger T Nooe, told a story of a man who was commenting on the increasing difficulties faced in the process of getting an education. "I recall," said the gentleman, "that I myself had a little trouble in the 1st grade. But I declare, before I got thru the 2nd grade, it made me so nervous I could hardly shave."—*World Call*. h

Rushing back to his office a young man spotted a sheet of paper under the windshield wiper on a brand new Cadillac convertible. On the paper was neatly written: "Att'y—am inside attending to business."

Below, also neatly written: "Policeman — I attended to mine outside." On the door was a parking ticket.—P M. i

In Blackmore's *Lorna Doone*, the story is told of how Lorna had given her sweetheart, John Ridd, one of her delicious meals. When John had finished he arose, pulled down his vest and said, "There, Lorna, that is a meal that makes a man thank God—for the room there is inside of him."—Rev HARRY W KIMBALL.

I asked Lana Turner to explain a minor detail in *Green Dolphin St*. Altho she was living in the wilds of New Zealand among the native Maoris, Lana came up with a fresh, fancy hair-do in every scene. "Perfectly simple," she said. "The Maori

WISECRACKS

OF THE WEEK



chief was formerly a hairdresser in Hollywood."—HARRY EVANS, *Family Circle*. **K**

" " A lady was scolding her 6-yr-old son. "Billy," she said, "if you don't start behaving yourself, I'm going to leave home."

Looking up from his breakfast, he hesitated a moment, then repl'd: "Mommie, I'm going to miss you."—*New Orleans Times-Picayune*. **I**

" " "How would you like to sign up with me for a life game?" was the way a baseball fan proposed.

"I'm agreeable," repl'd the girl. "Where's your diamond?"—*Watchman-Examiner*. **m**

Leap Yr Lore

This story can be used to good advantage by a speaker to end his speech abruptly and at the same time regain the good graces of his audience when he realizes he has taken more than his allotted time:

Geo had courted Beth for almost 30 yrs, but he had never quite built up courage to propose. Beth was growing desperate.

One beautiful, moonlit summer evening when they were sitting on the porch swing, Beth took the plunge and proposed. Geo was silent for a long time, then huskily, he said, "Yes."

All the dreams of the past 30 yrs Beth poured forth in an hr long soliloquy. She babbled on about the house, the garden, landscaping, furniture, dogs, children if there should be any, joint bank acc't. At length she paused, clasped Geo's hand ardently and begged him to say something, *anything*.

Geo's answer was a brief grunt. "I'm afraid," he said, "I've said far too much!"—*KATHLEEN L SULLIVAN*. **n**

The pastor of a little church in Vt was famous all over the state for the fact that every one of his sermons lasted exactly 22 min's. Then one unfortunate Sunday the sermon lasted 45 min's.

At dinner, his mortified wife asked him what had gone amiss.

"It was one of those things," said the pastor, moodily. "My secret device was to slide a cough drop under my tongue just before giving the sermon. It melted in exactly 22 min's. Then I knew it was time to stop. This morning I was talking for over 40 min's before I realized that my cough drop was a suspender button."—*Capper's Wkly*. **o**

Jim: "You know, politicians aren't so simple."

Bill: "Why not?"

Jim: "You try standing on a fence and keeping both ears to the ground."—*Financial Post*. **p**

" " Last time I was in Chicago, I visited a certain club. As soon as I walked into the room, they got down on their knees. What a tribute! What a gesture! What an honor! What a crap game!—*Ed Wynn*, comedian. **q**

A trio of Margaret Truman's young friends knocked at the White House gate recently.

"Who's that knocking at my door?" gaily called the guard.

"Three Republicans," announced Col Batte, one of the trio, as the rest tittered.

Without a flicker the guard responded, "You're early."

Col Batte nervously consulted his watch, well aware of White House etiquette and the faux pas of not being exactly on the dot.

"Yes, early, a yr early—for 3 Republicans," explained the guard with a twinkle.—*MALVINA STEPHENSON, NANA*. **r**

" " "How far to the nearest town?" inq'd the motorist.

"Five mi's, as the crow flies," was the reply.

"How far," persisted the motorist, "if the crow has to walk, carrying a can of gasoline?"—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Magazine*. **s**

Frank Lea, an exec of a steel corp'n, always signed his name "F Lea," until one day he rec'd a letter addressed to him as "Mr Flea."—*Successful Farming*. **t**

A proposal to change the name "Hindenburgstrasse" was under dis-

Two people can live as cheaply as one what?—*Redbook*. **u**

An infected tooth is something that drives you to extraction.—*Eustis News*. **v**

The reason Cupid makes so many bad shots is that he is shooting at the heart while looking at the hosiery.—*Floocraft*, hm, Continental College of Floor Efficiency. **w**

Instead of choosing the lesser of two evils, many choose the one they haven't tried before.—*Cedar County News*. **x**

It's an illusion that grandma had more clothes than the modern girl. She just put them all on.—*Washington Star*. **y**

In ancient days, common belief was that the world was flat. After centuries of attempting to debunk that theory, common belief is that it's flat on its back.—*York New Teller*. **z**

At Washington cocktail parties, the politicians have to eat, drink, and be wary.—*BOB GARRETT, Milwaukee Jnl*. **aa**

FEBRUARY: Sort of 2nd season on New Year's resolutions.—*Liberty*. **ab**

EARLY RISING: Triumph of mind over mattress.—*Tom Breneman's Magazine*. **ac**

cussion by the town councillors of Kunzeisau. The American military govt had been asked for advice, and it made the following decision: "If the Hindenburgstrasse was named in honor of the Field Marshal, then it must be changed. If, however, it had been so named in remembrance of the German President, then it need not be changed."—*Christian Science Monitor*. **ad**

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The Greatness that is America

There is something as big as America in the sculptured figures on the face of Mt Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Take Washington, the largest figure in the group, as an example. The nose of Washington is larger than the Sphinx of Egypt. Each eye is 8 ft across; the mouth is 18 ft wide. From the bottom of the chin to the top of the head measures 70 ft. If the figure of Washington was finished in the same proportion, he would tower as high as the monument built to his honor in the nation's Capital. He would have to get down on his hands and knees to crawl under the Brooklyn Bridge and if he sat under Niagara Falls the roaring waters would break over his shoulders.

The late, great, Gutzon Borglum, who sculptured this gigantic masterpiece, said that the figures of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Theo Roosevelt had been there in the mountain for the whole 40 million yrs of its existence. All he had to do, he said, was to dynamite away 400,000 tons of granite to bring the heroic figures into view!

It seems very appropriate that the figures of these Americans should be sculptured from a mountain. Great Americans and great mountains seem to go together. Great Americans have a vision as sweeping as the view from a mountain-top. They look out over all obstacles to new horizons for mankind. Their heads are in the clouds but their feet are bedded in the solid rock of common sense. They face the storms of life with courage and determination and defeat cannot down them.

Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Theo Roosevelt, these and other mighty builders of America, stand out in a war-torn world like mountain peaks above a valley. They are

symbols of the enduring values of the American dream. They are an inspiration to men who scale the heights in the long hard climb toward a working democracy. They stand for principles of character, manhood and leadership that are as eternal as the everlasting hills. — *Jacqua Way*, hm, Jacqua Advertising Co

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It's an Old Lenten Custom —
MAIDA WILLIAMS, Family Circle,
2-48.

The lenten fast is a custom of many centuries, kept by multitudes of people of differing races and manners who undertake annually a period of self-denial and self-discipline to strengthen their spiritual health. The history of the season is embellished with strange practices. For centuries past the faithful have made ready for these wks of abstinence with a day of gaiety and lavish entertainment before the solemn religious ceremonies designed to emphasize the importance of the things of the spirit. The time for this merrymaking is Shrove Tuesday which is carnival time. The word "carnival" comes from the Latin *carne vale*, meaning "O flesh, farewell!" The outstanding carnival in our country is the Mardi Gras at New Orleans . . .

The Christian custom of keeping a fast in preparation for Easter is of very early origin. It is mentioned by writers in the 1st and 2nd centuries, but the fasting period was of variable length. In the 4th century the fast lasted 3 wks, but was later extended to 6 wks. The present lenten season, consisting of the 40 days (not counting Sundays) preceding Easter, was established by Pope Gregory the Great.

The word "lent" is related to "lengthen" and refers to the lengthening days of spring, the lenten fast being the spring fast. The 40

days of Lent commemorate Christ's fast of 40 days in the wilderness while He was undergoing temptation. It concludes with Holy Wk, the wk before Easter.

When we observe the fast at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, which in 1948 falls on Feb 11th, we will be a part of a great company. More than 500 million Catholics and Protestants throughout the world, almost a quarter of the earth's people, regard it as a duty and privilege . . .

It is to St Dunstan that we owe the word *noon*, which was *nones*, or the 9th hr, and 3 o'clock, until the hungry monks of Glastonbury kept pushing *nones* earlier so they would get their dinner sooner.—CHRISTOPHER HOLLIS, *Tablet*. (London)

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During Ramadan, the Mohammedan Lent, hypos are the only form of medication a devout Moslem will take. All those who fast refuse to take any medicine whatever thru the lips. Fanatics refuse even a thermometer.—EMERY J BLANCHARD, *Catholic Northwest Progress*.

Modern rules of fasting and abstinence seem very light in comparison with the strictness with which our forefathers observed the lenten season. Present rules permit only 1 full meal with meat on a fast day. The other meals must be light and without meat. An abstinence day permits 3 full meals, but no meat may be eaten. Days of fast and abstinence—Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent—combine the restrictive provisions of both obligations. There are many faithful people who observe the strict fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and eat nothing until nightfall on those days.

In England and the devastated European countries for several yrs past, the people, because they do not have enough to eat at any time during the yr, have not been req'd to observe a lenten fast. In countries where living is easier, however, the faithful not only fast, but also, as an act of self-discipline, give up during Lent some delicacy or luxury. They relinquish a number of pleasant but unnecessary activities, too, in order to give more time to the things of the spirit.

